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"WHOLE MEN"**

Toc H Hymns

Recently the London Toc H Male Voice Choir tape-recorded eight hymns of special significance in Toc H. Not all are well known and Branches that would like to get to know one or two of them in preparation for the Jubilee or other celebrations may like to borrow the recording (total playing time 25 minutes) from Headquarters.

The hymns are :

1. "Out of Many into One" *Aberystwyth*; P.B.C.
2. "Sing, Brothers, Sing"—*Jamaica*; C. Alington
3. "Upon the Feast of Boniface"—*Cold Blows the Wind*;
P.B.C.
4. "The Pilgrim's Way"—*Billing*; P.B.C.
5. "The Scout's Psalm"—*Old Scots Tune*; W. K. Fleming
6. "When Toc H Came of Age 1936"—*Lowlands of
Holland*; P.B.C.
7. "A Hymn for the League of the Lamp"—*Stracathro*;
John Bunyan, adapted by P.B.C.
8. "Go Forth with God"—Music by Martin Shaw;
words by Barclay Baron.

The Fourth-Wednesday Forum

Meetings for City Workers are held at Headquarters from 1.0 p.m. to 2.0 p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month. Visitors are invited to bring their own snacks, tea will be provided.

April 22 *Direct Action* by Dennis Gould, Hon. Secretary of the Committee of One Hundred.

May 27 *Toc H To-day*. A question and answer session, with Cyril Cattell; Rev. Colin Cuttall and Jack Harrison giving the answers.

Ourselves

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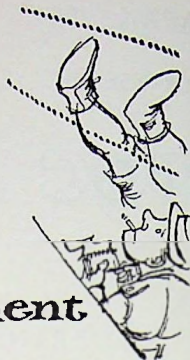
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IN AND OUT



-notes & comment

DOR KNAP will, as usual, keep open house on Whit Monday, May 18, when members with their wives, children and friends will be very welcome indeed. Those who come are asked to bring

Dor Knap

Open Day

their own picnic lunches; unlimited cups of tea will be provided. It will help the Warden

if Branches making up large parties can let him know in advance, but this is not essential. Motorists should leave Broadway village by the Snowhill road and look out for the sign at the lodge gates opposite Broadway Old Church.

LESLIE PAUL'S report on the Church of England, which is reviewed on page 116, has caused quite an explosion. Another Paul report has caused an explosion of atomic proportions.

Loud

Report

This is the report on the Church of South India prepared by a committee under the chairmanship of our old friend Rajaiah D.

Paul. This penetrating, courageous report, *Renewal and Advance* (Christian Literature Society), is at times scathing and often sweeping in its recommendations. Friends of the C.S.I. will wish it success.

IT HAS LONG been the tradition at Kennington (well, over six years) that the Marksman at the Brothers' House who gives the best display of skating on the pond of matrimony, cracking the ice perhaps but not actually falling in, is awarded a "Bachelor of the Year" trophy.

Near

Missus

This is a beautiful egg-yellow sash, embroidered in marine blue with blood-red tassels, and the presentation is made each January at the Annual Mark Dinner. The winner for 1963 was RICHARD WHITE who was selected as having given an outstanding display of bachelor-brinkmanship.

THE PRESS CUTTINGS we see from all parts of the country suggest that there are plenty of Branches that are not afraid to let their hair down in public. New Addington Branch (remember their

Light

Fantastic

Girls from St. Trinian's at the last Festival?) put on a *Dick Whittington* pantomime which ran for a whole week to full houses in the local community centre. "The zany spirit is infectious", said the local paper. Mildenhall Branch's pantomime this winter was *Jack and the Beanstalk* and also drew favourable notices. Coney Hall's annual 'Thank You' party included their own impersonation of the Beatles, and you can't let your hair down much lower than that. Girlish screams, specially organised, were provided by members of the parish church youth fellowship.

AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS TO BARCLAY BARON, O.B.E., who celebrated his eightieth birthday on February 28. He still stands as erect as ever, though his friends will have noticed that latterly

Barkis'

Birthday

Barkis has taken to wearing a beard. He is Cornish and proud of it, and Cornishmen are reputed to have Phoenician blood in their veins. Since he sprouted a beard he has looked more of a Phoenician than ever, and—if such a thing were possible—even more distinguished.

CHARLES WAKE has now returned to England from Canada and for his retirement has settled in Paignton where already he has joined up with the local Branch. He is now all set to continue

Stamp

Appeal

the Toc H Stamp Appeal which the Wake family have run for some thirty years. All foreign stamps and British stamps over 4d. sent to Charles will be sold for the benefit of the Family Purse. We wish him a happy retirement, and lots of stamps, at 70 Leyburn Grove, Paignton, Devon.

THE THIRTEENTH Ecumenical Youth Congress will be held at the Castle, 'Oud-Poelgeest', Oegstgeest, near Leiden, Holland, from July 22 to August 3. The theme will be, "Is there still

Ecumenical

Youth Congress

freedom for the younger generation in Europe?" and participants between the ages of eighteen and thirty will be welcome. Besides lectures, discussions and Bible study there will be time for recreation and excursions. 'Oud-Poelgeest' has already received a number of Toc H members and provided them, incidentally, with a good opportunity to talk about Toc H to people from other parts of Europe. Are there any of our younger members willing to maintain the link? Further details will be supplied on application to the Editor.

"Let Battle Commence"

COLIN CUTTELL

The Vicar of All Hallows reviews the recent report, "The Deployment and Payment of the Clergy", by Leslie Paul; price 12s. 6d. and 25s. from Church Information Office, or any bookseller.

LESLIE PAUL's report is now old stuff. But because Toc H is concerned with the roots of community, no member worth his salt can dismiss this weighty piece of research as a purely domestic concern "for Anglicans only".

No one so far seems to have noticed that half the problems ventilated by the Paul report arise from the fact of a married priesthood. In consequence, one wonders whether a confirmed bachelor was the best person to handle the 'matters arising'? However, let that pass. Mr. Paul has done a first-rate job.

Of the validity of Mr. Paul's main argument, no one in possession of the hard facts can be in doubt. The Church faces widespread 'soul erosion'. The figures are formidable and Mr. Paul is no mean statistician. "Open disassociation from the Church has become both intellectually respectable and socially acceptable". But the clergyman cannot escape the cure of souls. These people are still *his* people. Large numbers of nominal church folk still look to him for a ministry in the great crises of life. He is still the 'persona' in the parish and, oddly enough, they still like to see him around.

This is merely the fringe of the problem. Coincident with an exploding population, there is a progressive reduction of manpower to reinforce the ranks of the ministry. Furthermore, the parochial system, virtually unchanged since the Middle Ages, places most of the parsons in the country, while the bulk of the population opts for the

towns. Priests lose heart and quickly move on; they never reap the benefits of the long, settled ministry once common in the Church of England. The trend is exacerbated by the clerical drift from north to south, away from the centres of greatest need. As for the assistant curate, he is a rare phenomenon nowadays. He is rushed too soon for his own good (and his people's) to fill a vacant living. Yes, the facts do look disturbing. All in all, Paul is dead right when he calls for an agonising reappraisal of the manpower situation—and a thorough-going redeployment of men and resources, however painful for the 'haves'.

I once saw for myself the living embodiment of Mr. Paul's thesis in the parishes of 'A' and 'B', five miles apart in the heart of the countryside. 'A' was a rectory worth £1,500 (a bigger sum in those days) with a parishioners' roll of three hundred. The rector, a cultivated priest of the old school, admitted that he did not have enough to do. 'B' was a new housing estate of 2,000 souls. The vicar's income grossed £400 from all sources and there were no endowments. He toiled away without complaint and was clearly heading for the casualty list graphically described by Mr. Paul.

Broad Platform

The picture is gloomy enough. Yet, says the author, the Church of England is still, on all evidence, a socially formidable body, perhaps the most important social institution in the land. For example, the figures show it to be by far the largest organiser of youth in this country, dealing with those age groups where so many organisations signally fail. Paul, who is not disposed towards 'looking on the bright side', makes the telling point that the Church is only surpassed in audience figures by the organs of mass communication—the press, television and radio. But those audiences are passive: nothing but a fee is asked of them. They are not required to make an act of personal commitment. The Church, on the other hand (and Paul's figures are impressive), can point to a 'massive commitment',

even when allowance has been made for the scandalous fact that only a quarter of its 9.8 million confirmed come regularly to church. "The overall conclusion must be that however much the Church may be oppressed by a sense of decline or of national apostasy, there remains a broad platform of faith and works which always makes possible its renewal and recovery".

New Housing Areas

Again and again, Leslie Paul brings us back to the needs of people, whether in the 'decayed inner areas', or in the new overspills, described by one teenager as 'graveyards with lights'. Kraemer speaks of an irrepressible drift towards virtual or actual nihilism, inner emptiness and loss of direction. 'Vertical receptacle' is a telling sobriquet for the sort of high-rise dwelling whose denizens have never discovered the meaning of community. Mr. Paul has got his priorities right. Any plans affecting the training and deployment of the clergy must be related first and last to the needs of people. A priest must be spiritually and physically equal to the task of serving people in a world of revolutionary social change and upheaval. The evidence (page 59 ff.) is alarming; the comments of the clergy deeply disturbing. One priest writes of a losing battle with overspill chaos in 'a horrid, ugly, sprawling dormitory', inhabited by people who do not belong, who do not wish to belong, who are tied financially with H.P. and mortgage, and who move on like caravan dwellers with monotonous regularity.

¶ In situations of this kind, clergy must work single-handed, inadequately supported, both spiritually and physically, by their own people, isolated from their brother priests and rarely seeing their bishops except in a personal crisis. Here is one *cri de coeur*: "Oh how desperately I need a holiday, or if not that, just a bit of interest on the part of anyone in the utterly impossible task with which I am confronted. We have no one to whom we can turn". One may well ask what a bishop is for and whether our Methodist friends are right to reject the 'gaitered administrators' who seem

to have lost sight of their apostolic calling of compassionate caring for the sheep. But then, these are also victims of a situation which cannot be remedied short of a major operation. It is nothing less than this that the Paul report calls for.

The alternative is writ large: increasing strain on a diminishing body of clergy, decreasing pastoral effectiveness with increasing population density, spiritual death for the priesthood ("It's very easy to find oneself slowly rotting away") and the hastening of the decline in numbers and influence of the *Ecclesia Anglicana*.

Belfast Blood

HARRY INCE

OUR INTRODUCTION to blood transfusion at Belfast Branch was in the spring of 1927, when our then Jobmaster, Edwin Osborough, announced at a Branch meeting that he had invited a doctor from the Royal Victoria Hospital to give a talk on the subject with the object of obtaining volunteer blood donors from amongst the members.

The Jobmaster explained that he had recently been called upon to give an emergency transfusion of blood to his sister after she had undergone a major operation in hospital. When chatting with the doctor later the Jobmaster enquired what happened in cases when the patient had no relative available to give blood, or where the blood of a relative was not suitable. The doctor told him that the hospital had a list of some forty people, mostly policemen and members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who were willing to donate blood when an emergency transfusion was required. Although this panel of donors was

used only in emergency the demands upon it were growing to such an extent that there was an urgent need for additional voluntary donors.

It was clear that the Jobmaster looked upon this situation as a challenge to the Branch to meet a vital social need. He had added his own name to the list of voluntary donors and obviously expected the other members to follow his example! Some of them shared his enthusiasm, but others were a little dubious and said they would wait until after the talk by the doctor before making up their minds. A date for the talk was fixed for a few weeks ahead.

When the evening arrived we found we were to be addressed by no less a person than Sir Thomas Houston—at that time Resident Pathologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Sir Thomas was accompanied by two young doctors, and when the Branch members observed that the speaker's table was covered with racks of test tubes, hypodermic syringes, packets of cotton wool and the like, some of us felt shivers of apprehension going down our spines. However, after a most illuminating talk on the nature of blood and the miracle of blood transfusion, thirty-six of the forty members present volunteered to add their names to the list of blood donors in Belfast.

Samples Taken

Samples of blood were taken there and then from our veins by hypodermic syringe and placed in test tubes appropriately marked. Several members were visibly affected by the sight of their own blood being drawn off and one 'passed out' completely! He recovered quickly and was none the worse. Particulars of the various addresses at which we could be contacted by day or night were recorded, together with telephone numbers or the addresses of the nearest police stations.

A week later we all received postcards telling us we had been accepted as blood donors and advising us of our Blood Group Classification. Most of the members were in Group 4 (Moss Classification if I remember correctly)

and judging by the speed with which they received their first calls for blood donations the need for new volunteers had indeed been urgent. Thereafter they were recalled regularly, approximately once in six months. Those members whose blood groups were 1, 2 or 3 were called upon much less frequently.

At that time the list of voluntary donors was kept at the Royal Victoria Hospital and all requests for blood donations from other hospitals or private nursing homes had to be channelled through the "Royal", who found a suitable donor from the list, got in touch with him, and told him where the transfusion was needed. Some years later (about 1934), largely through the initiative of Jack Shaw, first Area Secretary of Toc H in Ireland, the Belfast Blood Transfusion Service was established with Jack as the Honorary Secretary and the Toc H Area Office as its headquarters. This Service carried on successfully until after the outbreak of war in 1939, when eventually it became absorbed into the official service established by the Northern Ireland Government.

Personal Touch

Comparing the technique of blood transfusion in those early days with that in operation today one cannot help feeling that inevitably it has become much less personal. It was not then possible to store blood in a 'blood bank', drawing upon it when needed; therefore each request for a blood donation was in response to the need of an individual person. Often the patient or his relatives obtained from the hospital the name of the donor and sent a letter of appreciation. Personal contact was sometimes made and occasionally gifts were offered. In some cases lasting friendships between donors and recipients or their families were established. Whilst there is little doubt that the modern technique is safer and more efficient one cannot help feeling a tinge of regret that the personal links associated with the individual transfusion have been lost.

“Whole Men”

George Davis, Hon. Administrator, introduces this month's Journal Supplement and suggests how it can be put to good use.

THIS ISSUE of the JOURNAL includes a supplement entitled *Whole Men*, which is the 1964-65 version of last year's booklet entitled, *Code of Friendship*. Thus readers of the JOURNAL are being supplied with a broad account of the Movement's activities, without the limitations of the statutory Report and Accounts which are submitted to the annual meeting of the Central Council each April.

It is intended that *Whole Men* should be a weapon in the hands of Toc H members, enabling them to spread the knowledge of Toc H to a circle wider than the present membership. It is hoped that members will find it useful in introducing new friends to the Movement and in explaining what we are now about.

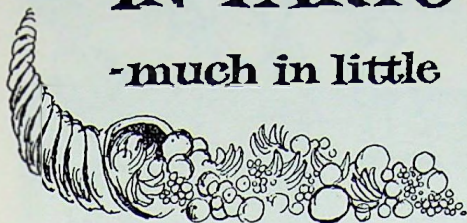
There should be wide use for a publication of this nature, both in our effort to double the membership and to pinpoint some aspect of the Movement. The written word, used rightly, can be a valuable partner to the personal approach.

Additional copies are available from Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, at 9d. per copy, plus postage. Several thousand extra copies have been printed, as we found last year that the *Code of Friendship* was widely used for the purpose for which it was planned.

Copies of the Report of the Central Executive to the Central Council for the year 1963 have been issued to all Councillors, with one copy for each Branch. Additional copies are available through your Central Councillor, on request.

MULTUM IN PARVO

-much in little



✧ THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE have appointed the following to be Vice-Presidents of the Association: BRIAN T. DICKSON, Sir FREDERICK HOARE, Bart., SEYMOUR J. DE LOBINIERE, O.B.E., the Bishop of London (Rt. Rev. R. W. STOPFORD, C.B.E., D.D., D.C.L.) and Major-General D. J. WILSON-HAFFENDEN, C.B.E.

✧ THE REV. JOHN GINGELL has now become full-time Area Padre in South and South Eastern London Areas.

✧ THE REV. RONALD K. HALL (Baptist) joins the staff on May 1. As Manchester and North Western Areas Padre he becomes a member of the Northern Regional Team.

✧ JUBILEE PROJECT. The immediate reaction of one member to the article *Forth to Sow*, which appeared in the JANUARY issue, was his personal cheque for £25.

✧ LEN SCARFE, a member of Chalfonts Branch, joins the staff on April 1 as Warden of Gladstone House, Mark XXIV (Northern Regional Team). His wife has been appointed Housekeeper of the Mark from the same date.

✧ GOOD CARETAKERS take good care—not only of buildings, but of the people who work in them. This Mr. and Mrs. A. F. WARMINGTON ('The Warmies') did in no uncertain way at Toc H Headquarters for ten years until they retired in February. They have our good wishes for the future and our gratitude for the past. We welcome as their successors Mr. and Mrs. SIDNEY HIGBEE.

✧ "THE KING AND I". The performance by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society on February 11 aided the fund for the extension wing of Toc H Mark XX, Putney, by the sum of £500.

FROM ALL PARTS

-area news



SOUTHERN

Like many other organisations in Southampton, Toc H is the poorer because of the sudden death of Alderman R. R. H. Hammond, O.B.E., J.P. For many years Alderman Hammond was the Chairman of Toc H Mark V Committee of Friends, and kept the committee together in spite of some difficult and frustrating times. He always felt that the committee should have full responsibility for the day-to-day working of the Mark, and we are glad that just before he died the news had come that in future the Warden and committee would be taking on this responsibility.

The real reason why Alderman Hammond lived respected and died regretted, was not just because he was a good committee man, or because he gave of his time to many organisations. It was because of his great charm of manner and his great concern with people as individuals; his cheerful greeting, his friendly word, the fact that he remembered your Christian name and called you by it. Many will miss these things, but many also are now facing a new challenge to serve their fellows because they have known him.

Plans for the Jubilee are going forward in many places, and Geoff Savill, the Area organiser and co-ordinator for the Jubilee, hopes shortly to send out a list of special projects, ideas for extension and recruitment, details of Thanksgiving Services, places where there will be floral displays, etc.

Quite recently, DORCHESTER Branch and BROADWAY Branch have handed in their Lamps. This is sad, but it is also honest, for there comes a time when it is necessary to rebuild a Branch from its foundations. Perhaps as an act of thanksgiving, Dorchester and Broadway will reclaim their Lamps during Jubilee year.

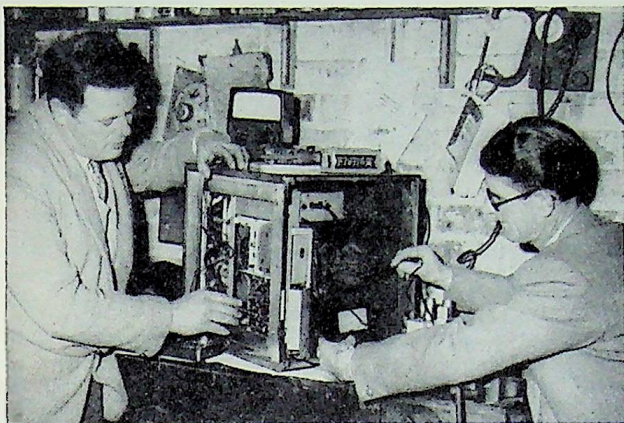
Members in the Area are looking forward to welcoming Padre John Jones and his family when they come to the Area later in the year. They will be living in the Chaplain's House in the grounds of Mark V.

FRED BROOKER

BEDS. & HERTS.

Congratulations to Percy English, a member of HARPENDEN Branch, who has been made a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John. This honour is given to men and women who have performed good service to the Order and are prepared to continue to work for the Order in accordance with its motto, *Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum*, "For the Faith and For the Service of Mankind". Percy has served with St. John's Ambulance Brigade in Harpenden for the last twenty-three years.

MAURICE SMITH



Evening Gazette, Middlesbrough.

Acklam (Northern Area) members have collected dozens of old wireless and television sets and restored them for the use of needy folk.

WEST MIDLANDS

How often one hears detailed accounts at District Team meetings from units which have organised their annual outing by car for the elderly or handicapped folk of the neighbourhood. All this seems a mere 'spit in the ocean' compared with the monthly effort organised by members of KIDDERMINSTER Branch, whereby some sixty car owners, less than ten of whom are Toc H members, take some hundred elderly, lonely, handicapped or sick folk out for the day, meeting at a common venue for tea. As the car owners also take their own families with them this means that the party is normally about two hundred and fifty strong. Sponsored originally some years ago by Toc H members, this monthly excursion is now organised by a team of fourteen, which makes one wonder why units which speak so highly of the success of their annual outing and its effect upon the elderly and handicapped should limit such excursions to just the once each year.

GEORGE LEE



Miss Clayton gets her Golden Disc.

Cambridge News.

EAST ANGLIA

Seventy-five records played on request for a single patient must be something of a record indeed! Barbara Clayton had been a hospital patient for many months and the Golden Disc was presented to her by members of CAMBRIDGE Branch on her departure for home, being a token of their friendship and best wishes for her future happiness. The Toc H Record Request Programmes for patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital was started in July 1956 and have continued ever since. The service was extended to the New Site Hospital last May. It also includes recordings made of local football matches, amateur operatic productions, and 'pop' singers at the cinema.

Requests for records are collected from visitors at each of the two hospitals during visiting hours on Sunday afternoons. There are twin record players at each hospital. The Branch is greatly indebted to a non-member who is the mainstay of the scheme. He makes all the announcements and plays the records. His wife also attends at one of the hospitals to help collect requests. Two other friends of the Branch assist at another hospital.

At each 1,000th request the recipient is presented with a suitably inscribed card, a record and a box of chocolates. The record is the gift of a local firm, and the box of chocolates given by a previous patient at Addenbrooke's. Very shortly the 13,000th request record will be reaching each patient's headphones on a Tuesday evening. Cambridge Branch is justly proud of this service to patients in one of the largest hospitals in the country, but they are not so proud that they are unwilling to share their experience and technical knowledge

with any other Branch wishing to commence a similar service. A note to the Branch Jobmaster, George Corser, at 171 Perne Road, Cambridge, would bring all the answers.

REG SMITH

SUSSEX

Situated on the heights overlooking Newhaven harbour are the Searchlight Cripples' Workshops. It is also the headquarters of DENTON Branch; and of our thirty members, twenty-two are permanently disabled and incurable. Yet they are a cheery band of men. A visit to Denton Toc H is a tonic for the able-bodied and a true lesson in cheerfulness. For the past two years, at Christmas time, they have endeavoured to help some of the old and needy people of Newhaven. To do this they organised a raffle and donated money from their own pockets. With all the money collected in this way they were able to purchase a variety of groceries which were made up into parcels and these delivered to fifteen individual homes. Although our members cannot give physical help to others they have found pleasure in giving this material help and, by the letters of thanks received from the aged and the needy, it is very much appreciated.

ANDREW MYLETT



SCOTLAND

As the *Courier and Advertiser* says; now for the Dundee sound! Hammy (Dundee right-back Alec Hamilton) and his Hamsters making their first recording at the Toc H studios in Dundee, where the Toc H football broadcasts to hospitals have long been famous. The tape was destined for an Edinburgh record firm who will cut a disc of the two best songs. Hammy thinks that a few weeks should see them in the Hit Parade!

REG STEWART



Croydon Advertiser.

A scene from New Addington Branch's pantomime, "Dick Whittington" (see "In and Out").

NORTHERN

Following the report last month on the Stockton/Billingham Technical College students, one of their number has produced quite a spontaneous report on one of the activities they have been linked with: "On alternate Monday nights, at seven o'clock until nine o'clock, two separate groups visit St. Luke's Mental Hospital, Middlesbrough. Our aim is to help the patients during the social evening by dancing and exchanging conversation from the outside world. On arriving at the hospital, we set the trolleys ready for tea. At eight o'clock we take the trolleys into the hall and serve the tea to the patients. When they have finished we gather in the cups and help to wash them and pack them away. Until nine o'clock we mix with the patients again for further entertainment. It is up to us to ask the patients for dances, as they are more restrained and shy than we are. During our visit there we have become friendly with many of the patients, getting to know their likes and dislikes." Quite an example of the right kind of approach.

TEESIDE District, comprising twelve Branches and for long almost unique for that reason, is experimenting in splitting itself into half and creating two new Districts. BILLINGHAM Branch, always looking for new opportunities to express itself, sponsored a public meeting in protest against the incorporation of Billingham into the proposed Teeside County Borough plan. Not far away investigation on a joint basis is being made at Blackhall Rocks for possibilities of extension there. The club for former mental health patients, run by NEWCASTLE Branch, has interested County Mental Health Authorities sufficiently to consider setting up a similar club at Wallsend. The help of Toc H has been sought and it is probable we shall take

a leading part in forming a representative committee to establish one. A gathering of Branch Officers in MID-NORTHUMBERLAND District at Ashington was felt to be a most useful effort in re-defining the purpose of Toc H and the part the officers play as leaders in achieving that purpose. DURHAM CITY Branch open their meeting rooms in the afternoon for boys from the hotel and catering establishments.

LES WHEATLEY



Peterborough Citizen and Advertiser.

The Mayor of Peterborough accepting on behalf of the St. Raphael Club a wheelchair presented by Fletton and Stanground Branch.

EAST YORKSHIRE

In February the JOURNAL published a photograph of the new library at Thorp Arch Marguerite Hepton Children's Hospital started by TADCASTER Branch. It is helped by volunteers drawn from the Women's Institute, members' wives and other friends in the district. Charles Harris, the Librarian, has a valued assistant in Mrs. R. Musgrave of Boston Spa, who has already given much of her time to this new venture. Well over a thousand books have been given and collected, representing a good and varied selection. There are fifty-six children in the hospital, many of whom are long-term patients, and they look forward with great eagerness to the visits of the library helpers who go round the wards on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. In addition a Birthday Card Scheme has been started by Charles, whereby the library members 'adopt' one or more of the children and send them greetings on their birthdays, and also a card at Christmas. Charles also sends out a monthly News Letter to all library members, Branch officers, and the Hospital Secretary, in order to keep them in touch with the progress of the library.

BILL HARDY

Know Your Marks!

TONY WATERFIELD

THE MAJORITY of the members in Branches know so little about the work done by the young men in our Marks to prosper the aims of our Movement that I mention a memorable evening recently, when Weybridge and Woking Branches held a Guest-night, and invited a panel of Marksmen from Brothers' House to come along and answer questions on how Toc H should be presented to the youth of today.

The panel of five Marksmen had been only too pleased to travel twenty miles on a very cold night from Kennington to Woking and we found their answers to our questions very illuminating. The main points brought out during discussion were:

- (a) the gap between the age when youngsters leave youth organisations and the age when they can be asked to join Toc H.
- (b) the need for an approach to youth individually to help us in our great adventure, such an approach to be made with the help of, but not through, various youth organisations.
- (c) it is not much use expecting youth to be attracted to a stereotyped Branch business meeting. If, as in the case of the Branch at Brothers' House, the meeting is in the form of a weekly 'reunion' with very little business discussed, then young people will be attracted. There was thought to be a need to consider joint ventures, with young people of both sexes working together.

We have no doubt that Marks should be allowed to take a more prominent part in the Movement, as these young men are our potential leaders of tomorrow. As a result of our meeting these Marksmen, visits to their Mark are being planned for the near future. I would advise all Branches with a Mark in their neighbourhood to establish friendly relations by intervisiting, exchange of programmes and speakers. If we have a Mark nearby, don't let us expect Marksmen to come and work miracles and revive a 'dead' Branch by doing all sorts of jobs for us, and criticise them if they don't do so. Let us remember that most of these youngsters are studying hard for exams, and the service they do for the community must be limited due to lack of spare time. But do let us cultivate their friendship; it will help us all a lot.

We lose considerably by living in ignorance of what a Mark is trying to do, what the inside of a Mark looks like, and what kind of Marksmen dwell therein. Other Districts and Areas who follow the example of Weybridge and Woking and invite Marksmen to a Guest-night or arrange a visit to a Mark will be pleasurably surprised at the response!

Ernie says :



Elder Brethren

ADAMS.—In January, HARRY ADAMS, aged 53, a West Midlands Area member. Elected 4.10.'30.

BOOTH.—On February 14, ERNEST BOOTH, aged 53, a member of Lindley Branch. Elected 18.3.'55.

BROOMFIELD.—On February 3, REGINALD JOHN BROOMFIELD, aged 67, a member of Welling Branch. Elected 1.4.'38.

BURROWS.—On January 1, FRANCIS CYRIL BURROWS, aged 57, a member of Mansfield Branch. Elected 31.8.'53.

CARTER.—January 6, EDWARD GEORGE WEBB CARTER ('Tulip'), a member of Bedford Branch. Elected 8.9.'32.

GIBBINS.—On November 29, HENRY IVANHOE GIBBINS, aged 73, a member of Lapford Branch. Elected 9.12.'60.

GREASLEY.—On February 17, ERNEST GREASLEY, the first Secretary of Leicester Branch and one-time East Midlands Area Secretary. Elected July 1921.

HAWTHORNE.—On February 5, the Rev. ENOCH JAMES THEODORE HAWTHORNE, aged 60, a member of Milton Branch. Elected 31.1.'55.

HOWSE.—On January 16, HENRY JAMES HOWSE, aged 57, a founder member of Uxbridge Branch. Elected 5.3.'26.

IRVING.—On February 24, WILLIAM AUSTIN IRVING, aged 50, a member of Lee Branch. Elected 5.8.'54.

LANDIMORE.—In December, ALBERT ALBEMARLE LANDIMORE, aged 76, a member of North Walsham Branch. Elected 6.8.'53.

LEAH.—On January 20, GEORGE EDWARD LEAH, aged 60, a member of St. Annes-on-Sea Branch. Elected 18.11.'52.

MONEY.—In January, Canon WILLIAM TAYLOR MONEY, aged 90, a founder member of Greenwich Branch and one-time padre of Sevenoaks Branch. Elected 22.2.'27.

ODOM.—On January 19, Canon SYDNEY ARTHUR ODOM, aged 59, a member of Margate Branch. Elected 15.6.'45.

PEACH.—On January 27, GEORGE PEACH, aged 69, a member of Chard Branch. Elected 20.9.'37.

READ.—On February 17, HORACE PUTMAN READ, aged 77, a member of Prestatyn Branch. Elected 11.5.'56.

ROSS.—In October, WILLIAM ROSS, aged 89, a member of St. Albans Branch. Elected February 1937.

SAWDON.—On August 30, LEONARD JOSEPH SAWDON, aged 82, a member of Levenshulme Branch. Elected 9.2.'36.

SCALES.—Suddenly, on January 30, HAROLD G. SCALES, aged 51, a member of Hunstanton Branch. Elected 2.6.'49.

SOPITT.—On January 29, MARK SOPITT, aged 85, a member of Houghton-le-Spring Branch. Elected 1.2.'51.

SUTTON.—On February 18, WILLIAM FREDERICK PARKER SUTTON, aged 65, a member of Bromley Branch. Elected 23.10.'34.

TURNER.—On February 2, LIONEL FRANK TURNER, aged 74, a member of Wallasey Branch. Elected 21.3.'45.

WALKER.—On February 10, JOHN FREDERICK WALKER, aged 56, a member of Wellingborough Branch. Elected 9.3.'51.

WARD.—On February 18, HERBERT JOHN WARD, aged 69, a member of Barrow-on-Humber Branch. Elected 11.12.'43.

WILKINSON.—On January 18, WILLIAM EDWARD WILKINSON ('Wilkie'), aged 83, a founder member of Prestatyn Branch. Elected 21.5.'35.

WOOD.—In November, EDWARD HARRY WOOD, aged 77, a member of Glenfield Branch. Elected 9.2.'46.

“Starting Up”

Being announcements of places where new units are beginning, with the address of the local 'key man' or other person to whom all correspondence or commendation should be sent.

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St. Vincents, Grantham, Lincs.

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Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester.

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Windsor, Berks.

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Members of Distinction

I HAVE BEEN struck recently with the number of people in the public eye whose names were familiar in Toc H in the late '20's and early '30's—either representative of Church or State, Stage or Film, or else appearing in the news in one way or another. At the present time in New Zealand is our Founder-Padre, Tubby, who will most likely be meeting the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Fergusson, who in the late '20's was a keen member of Toc H at Eton, and thereafter, for some time, a regular visitor to All Hallows and '42'. To this Dominion, as a visitor on behalf of C.E.M.S., should have gone, in January, the Bishop of Coventry, Cuthbert Bardsley, in the early '30's an A.D.C. to Tubby and then an Assistant Curate at All Hallows. Owing to a sudden illness he had to cancel his trip at the last moment. At home, as we watched *The Bedmakers* on T.V. recently, we were treated to the usual high standard of acting by Edward Chapman, a resident at Mark II

in 1924/5. At the same time, Wilfred Pickles, featuring each week in the B.B.C. Light Programme, *Have a Go*, was living at Mark VII. Then on T.V. in *This Is Your Life* in the same week, one of those who spoke in praise of the two heroines was Commander H. Treby-Heale, who, as 'Pop' to us in the '20's, was Chairman of Mark II. He came on to the stage accompanied by one of his two daughters (both of whom were members of the then L.W.H. Branch in Westminster). His ship, *C.S. Faraday*, was sunk off Aberdeen during the War with heavy loss. Finally, the forthright voice of the Bishop of Pontefract has been heard speaking on behalf of the Clergy freehold in the Church Assembly. In such a forthright manner Eric Treacy was captaining the Toc H Rugger Club about thirty-five years ago! I wonder whether, thirty-five years from now, Toc H will be able to recognise her 'sons' so variably scattered!

GEOFFREY BATCHELAR (Rev.)
Holt, Dorset.

Before 'Light'

THE JOB of finding a suitable 'reading' prior to taking 'Light' can sometimes prove a difficulty. I have often spent hours perusing odd books and whilst this erudition can be of great benefit, it can also be a bit frustrating.

Recently I found a book called *The Cheerful Day* by H. L. Gee. This, I feel, is a literary gem and I suggest that anyone with the above problem should get this little book from the library.

REG HARROW

*West Wickham,
Kent.*

Padres' Names Wanted

It is proposed to unveil a plaque to commemorate the Ministry at All Hallows of the Rev. P. B. Clayton. We hope that the Queen Mother will honour us with her presence.

The date is Saturday, July 25. We begin with a Communion Service at St. Martin's at 12 noon. This will be an act of thanksgiving of all those Anglican padres who, under God, owe their Ministry to P.B.C. The Dedication Service in All Hallows will be in the mid-afternoon, followed by tea.

The purpose of this very tentative announcement is to get as many padres' names as we can from every available source. We appeal to Toc H members to help us build up an invitation list as speedily as possible. Names please, to Colin Cuttall at All Hallows Porchroom, Byward St., E.C.3.

COLIN CUTTELL, *Vicar of All Hallows by the Tower.*

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Toc H in the Picture

BELIEVING that Toc H lacks, but badly needs, publicity, South West Lancashire District is organising a pictorial exhibition at the Liverpool Show on the theme "Toc H Cares", the display will be backed by a taped commentary. The Show will be held on July 16, 17 and 18 and attracts a large attendance from all over the country. It may be that the next potential member who walks into your Branch meeting heard of Toc H at the Show.

Anyone possessing 35 mm. colour slides of Toc H in action is asked to lend them in order that the exhibition can depict as many facets as possible of the Movement's work. Any black and white negatives good enough to enlarge to 20" x 16" would also be welcomed. The emphasis is on 'doing'; the membership must be shown at work.

Please send the slides, etc., to W. W. Toohey, 147 Townsend Avenue, Liverpool, 11; postage will not be refunded. Great care will be taken to ensure that the material is returned to the owner undamaged, so do send what you

can. Where people gather from all over the country our publicity is yours also; help us to help you.

Liverpool, Lancs. BILL TOOHEY

Loch Eil Technique

IN "School's Eye View" in the February JOURNAL one of the Calday Grange boys who came to our Loch Eil Centre referred to our courses as being of the "Outward Bound" type. I would like to make it clear that Loch Eil has a quite distinctive character of its own, although it has borrowed freely from the Outward Bound Trust and from Brathay Hall Centre, which was founded by Francis Scott, an honoured figure in Toc H circles.

We are on most friendly terms with them both and this might be a good moment to thank them for their most generous help and advice, without which we would have taken much longer to get under way.

Although we use many of their techniques there is, not unnaturally, a difference in approach, and it is at this point that our own peculiar 'brand' has developed.

Loch Eil Centre. ALAN HILL

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